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OHIO STATE HOUSE

Not only did General Assembly meet in the capital city of the state of Ohio, but both Memorial Hall, where General Assembly convened, and Central Church, where the meetings of the women were held, are very near the beautiful State House grounds which occupy ten acres in the heart of the city and form a most attractive setting for the impressive State House. In the foreground of this photograph may be seen the justly celebrated McKinley monument

## Action of the General Assembly

Extract from the Report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions  
presented to the 130th General Assembly at Columbus, Ohio, May 24, 1918

### RESOLUTION AS TO WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

That the General Assembly notes with gratitude the growing influence and efficiency of the Woman's Board of Home Missions reaching, as it does today, through five thousand local home missionary societies, one hundred and seventy thousand women of our churches, through sixty-five hundred societies, one hundred thousand young people, and in addition forty-five thousand children. The Assembly recognizes the notable war work of our Woman's Board, particularly in connection with camps in and about New York.

And, further, the Assembly notes that through the wise and persistent work of all departments of the Woman's Board the offerings of our women for the three great branches of mission work assigned to them last year exceeded the offerings of any year of their history. Facing a threatened deficit of possibly fifty thousand dollars at the beginning of the year our women have raised \$508,961.90, meeting all obligations and leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,457.30.

The Assembly desires to express to our Woman's Board its deep appreciation of the tireless devotion and consecrated wisdom of the officers and members of the Woman's Board and to assure them of its most prayerful cooperation in the future.

# Forward Trenches

Extracts from the address of Mrs. Fred. S. Bennett, President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, at the close of the session devoted to officers' reports

**I**T has been a glorious record! But we cannot sit quietly by to enjoy the results. The "Defense of Tomorrow" beckons us on. Many of you doubtless know the source from which has been drawn the slogan of this annual meeting,

## *The "Defense of Tomorrow"*

When Dr. John H. Finley, Commissioner of Education of New York State, returned from France where he had gone in the interests of education, he made a report which may well stir America to new service. Though this has been printed in leaflet form, it is well worthy of repetition. Dr. Finley said in part:

"France has restricted the use of food, fuel, and light; she has discouraged travel; she has mobilized every able-bodied man; but she has not for one moment forgotten her future defence. She has even opened schools in caves and occasionally provided teachers and pupils with gas masks; she has put women by thousands in the places of men teachers called to the front; she has received back into service many men with marks of honor upon their breast and incapacitated by wounds, to teach again in the schools they had left.

"I have seen hundreds of children from the occupied territory being taught in casernes (barracks) by their women teachers who fled with them. France has not, except under compulsion of cannon and bombs, taken from any child that heritage in which alone is the prophecy of an enduring nation.

"Do not let the needs of the hour, however demanding, or its burdens, however heavy, or its perils however threatening, or its sorrows, however heartbreaking, make you unmindful of the defence of tomorrow, of those disciplines through which the individual may have freedom, through which the institutions of civilization can be perpetuated and strengthened. Conserve, endure taxations and privation, suffer and sacrifice, to assure those whom you have brought into the world that it shall be not only a safe, but also a happy place for them."

The world has come to a most critical point in its progress out of darkness into light. All the accumulated forces of centuries may be needed to bring to a successful conclusion the present struggle; but are we not the mothers and sisters, the wives and daughters, the "women-folk" of those men who are putting in their all, and shall we not do our utmost to keep safe, and strong, and steadfast that for which they fight?

Democracy has not reached its full perfection; nations are still striving toward that goal; but as civilization has progressed, human life has become each century more valuable, a thing not to be squandered idly. Child labor laws, child welfare weeks, baby days, and agencies directed toward conserving future citizens, show belief in the value of child life.

A year ago, motoring across the Navajo Reservation of Northern Arizona, we came to a little Indian Village, Oraibi, where the trader and the government doctor were the only white men in a long stretch of Indian country. Our coming was cordially greeted by the physician who urged us to remain that we might be with them to celebrate Baby Day at Oraibi. Unfortunately for us, a busy schedule at the other end of the trip made it imperative that we push on, but there was opportunity to go into a few Indian homes and to see some of the fine babies that were, the next day, to be weighed and measured; some of whom in competition, were to be given prizes. To us Baby Day at Oraibi stood in concrete form for the twentieth century appraisement of child life. Whether this life be in the crowded city or in the desert, it has its own value; a democracy stands or falls as it gives to each child the highest possible opportunity. In no previous period of man's existence has there been any suggestion of such a valuation, and each agency that is helping to fulfill the obligations of this larger ideal is bearing its part in forming in this land a true and lasting democracy. The Woman's Board of Home Missions has, throughout the forty years of its existence, been animated by a high and clear ideal of a Christian democracy and has spent its energies in the effort to make fit for democracy those deprived of opportunity. It has known that democracy is not a matter of written documents and declaration, but that it is the very life and thought of the people, developing only among educated and trained groups and reaching its highest fruition where Christian ideals guide and direct. Believing that "eternal vigilance is the coin we must pay for liberty," the Woman's

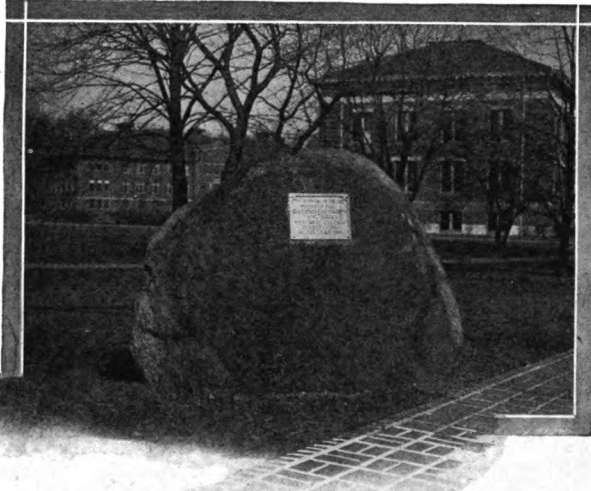
Board has given its service that each and every citizen or prospective citizen may have opportunity for highest self-development and may have a realization of his responsibility toward the land in which he lives.

We have done well this past year but we cannot stay in the trenches. You have heard outlined a program for the coming year and we must all go "over the top" and forward to new trenches from which we shall drive out the enemies of sin, of disease, of ignorance, and of neglect. The order has come for all Christian forces of this land to move forward, and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, through its auxiliary organizations, must keep step with all of those that are pushing on. The program which has been set forth has asked for a 30 per cent advance upon the gifts of the year, 1916-1917, but no per cent can express the

need. Let us go forward with no thought of limitation of service or of gifts, but let us strive, throughout the twelve months, to reach the greatest maximum possible for each one. Let the only limit be our ability; in this comes the individual responsibility of deciding, each for herself, what is her utmost ability. I cannot but think of the lone sentinel on whose faithfulness the safety of an army often depends. Should he fail, the enemy might creep up; each instant he must be alert and watchful. So should it be with each one of us—our service should be given in the spirit of faithfulness

to an ideal—an ideal which shall be translated into actuality.

To save the world our Master died; our soldiers are dying to "make democracy safe." Shall we not be ready to make a democracy worth fighting for? Is there any sacrifice that is too great for this end? Our answer will be recorded in the work of the coming months.



ON THE CAMPUS OF OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO  
The tablet on the boulder in the foreground is in honor of the students of the University who entered the service of our country in the year 1917. Two of the forty spacious buildings of the University are seen in the background

## Greetings from Ohio

Extended by Miss Helen Keil, President of Ohio Synodical Society for Home Missions

Madam President and women gathered in annual session: We of Ohio bring you hearty greetings and welcome to our capitol city. We rejoice to have you in our midst, representing as you do the spiritual forces of the Church at work. We rejoice in the goodly fellowship, that together we may face the facts of world conditions at home and abroad, that with a new courage and zeal we may send forth the "saving health" of the Christian faith.

We are counting upon you to arouse us to a new faith that we may attempt the seemingly impossible—possible if God wills. To this end speak to our intellects that we may have the facts, causing us to realize anew

the reasonableness, the necessity, the obligation of our task. Speak to our emotions, that our wills may consecrate our ambitions, our affections, our desires to this service. Speak to our spirits for personal cleansing that our consciences may be startled into action; for when the gospel has been preached to all the world then shall come the end of the age. Bring to us, as ministers of Christ, the inspiration not merely of a national or an international mind, but a Kingdom-of-God vision, equipping us for the world task, the issues of which face every thoughtful woman today. "For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen."

## The Vesper Service

THE service which for many years has been held under the auspices of the Woman's Board on Sunday afternoon in connection with General Assembly was of somewhat different character from that of past years. The dedication of the service flag of the Woman's Board was the climax of thought for our boys which prevailed throughout the program. Over the platform there hung not only the new service flag of the Woman's Board with its 361 stars but also the service flags of four schools with stars numbering from fifty to one hundred and eight. These were from Menaul, Dwight, Farm School and Dorland Institute.

### *Messages from Our Missions*

Mrs. James A. Webb, Jr., introduced the representatives from our various home mission fields. It was a delight to look into the faces and hear the voices of missionaries and mission pupils and the very brief messages whetted one's appetite for more. Mr. Beck, long identified with Presbyterian work in Alaska, who for some years was connected with our Sitka School, with his wife brought greetings from that distant outpost. He gave ringing assurance that Alaska is most loyal in every way and will go "over the top" in each form of service for our country just as it has already done in the Liberty Loan and other campaigns and in volunteer service of its men. He alluded to a beautiful little church now being built by natives with their own hands and their own money.

Mr. Mitchell, of Tolchaco, Arizona, who has done a wonderful work among the Navajos, including a translation of the scriptures, asked that every time we have a chance to do so we nail down the false impression that the Indian race is dying. The Navajos have quadrupled in number in twenty-five years. Mr. Mitchell referred to customs still existing such as the religious dance in which the Indians hold snakes in their mouths, and said that no one could dispute the need of carrying the gospel to a people, 43,000 of whom are still unevangelized.

Four Indian girls from Dwight Training School, Marble City, Okla., recited in unison the first and twenty-third Psalms. It was

good to see their bronze faces, to note their neatness of dress, to hear their refined voices, and to realize that they represent many others who are receiving a training which promises great advance for their race.

In introducing Martin Candelario, a graduate from Menaul School, class of 1918, Mrs. Webb referred to the statement by Lloyd George that England is fighting three great enemies, Germany, Austria, and drink, and that the greatest of these is, perhaps, drink. This graduate from Menaul was one of the boys who threw himself into New Mexico's liquor fight in the last election, a fight which resulted in that state going dry. He told of Menaul's part in the campaign, of the boys who were four-minute men, of the school band which played at street meetings and helped to hold the crowd for the temperance speeches, and of the opinion expressed by outsiders that much of the honor and credit of the successful issue belonged to Menaul School. With pride he called attention to Menaul's service flag, but with modesty refrained from mentioning that his own star will soon be added since he enlisted immediately after graduation.

The southern mountains were represented by three workers from Dorland Institute at Hot Springs, N. C., Miss Shafer, Miss Herron, and Miss Sidebotham, the last of whom spoke of the way in which Dorland is training young people for lives of usefulness and service. Once each week at morning exercises a meeting is held at which teachers and pupils unite in prayer that the fifty-three boys whose stars appear on the school service flag may be kept from danger and temptation. They always sing "God Save Our Splendid Men." One boy wrote that they could have no idea what help and comfort it is to know that back at Dorland they are thus remembered. He asked which Psalm the senior class was learning that he also might memorize it. Those verses which they had already learned he would repeat over and over when on sentry duty, and would then be ready to learn two verses each day with the class. In this school the special days for food conservation are observed, the gospel of the

clean plate is practiced, and the boys and girls are busy with farm and garden. They are also being trained for Christian service. The two missionary societies, divided into eight mission study classes, last year raised over seventy-five dollars which was sent to their presbyterial treasurer. This was the result of considerable sacrifice on the part of the young people. Though the stars on Dorland's service flag represent those fighting for our country, Miss Sidebotham reminded us that one cannot tell how many are in the service of our King, how many who have been with us are out in the world witnessing for Him. Last year every boarding pupil made profession of faith in Christ and of this year's senior class all nineteen are professing Christians. Training for lives of usefulness and service in the world, but above all training for service for our Master, is the work that our representatives are trying with our help to carry on at Dorland.

Porto Rico was represented by Mrs. F. F. McCrea, president of Indiana Synodical Society, who was present at the dedication of the new building of the Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan last spring and is enthusiastic concerning the work, its location, and its housing. She also spoke with appreciation concerning our other activities on the island.

In Cuba Mrs. Bennett said that the Board had long desired to make a forward move and that though the way had not appeared clear in times of peace now, strangely enough, it seems open. Too many denominations have been trying to do work in the same territory; Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist denominations were even subdivided. To bring about greater community, the Southern Presbyterian Church is now withdrawing and thus women of the North are to carry

on work begun by women of the South. We also go a little farther in readjustment. The Board of Home Missions of our own church began needed educational work; the Woman's Board now takes over these schools as well.

The singing by the quintette of colored men from Biddle University was exceptionally good and the deeply religious Negro melody was greatly appreciated by the audience.

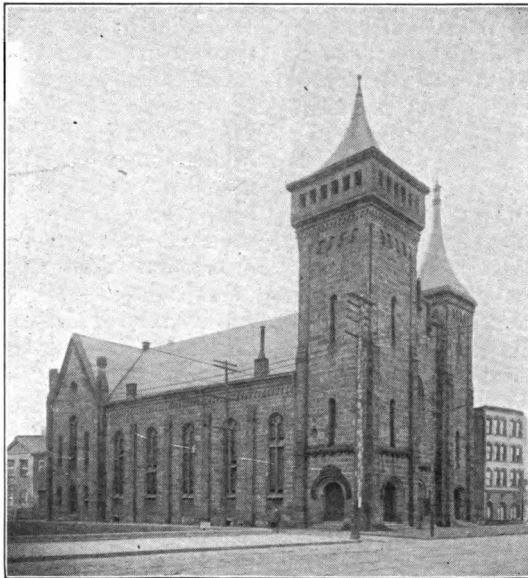
### *The Service of Dedication*

The dedication of the service flag was preceded by the "Call to the Colors" sounded by buglers, after which the audience sang,

"O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
"Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
"And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
"Alleluia!"

Mrs. F. S. Bennett made the dedicatory address in which she spoke feelingly of the young men represented by the 361 stars. As we looked at Menaul's stars she reminded us that having seen and heard one of Menaul's boys that afternoon we knew the sort that go out from that institution, while Dwight's stars represent brothers of the girls upon whom we had just looked. Graphically she visualized the groups ranging from Alaska to our southern states, groups made up of boys who have entered the service that they may do their part

in protecting ideals they have learned to love and honor, and she asked that in tenderness and love we remember those who have gone out and that we at home be as loyal as they. One stanza of the Star-Spangled Banner was sung and the whole audience pledged allegiance to the flag. After prayer and the stirring hymn by John Oxenham, the boy buglers again sounded the call to the colors in conclusion of a tender and inspiring service.



The meetings of the Woman's Board at Columbus, Ohio, were held at Central Presbyterian Church.



# Menaul and Its Influence

Remarks at Columbus by Martin Candelario, a  
graduate of Menaul School for Mexican boys,  
Class of 1918

WE have represented in Menaul six states, twenty-five counties, and at least one hundred different communities. Those counties are not small, but sparsely populated and large. Can you imagine what it means when boys from Menaul are scattered throughout this vast area?

First let me tell you what it means for a boy to attend Menaul. When he comes to school he sees new things and sees old things from a different standpoint; he learns the why and wherefore of these, thus getting a broader knowledge and new ideals. By and by these new ideals change the boy's life and become second nature.

I present two of many examples. The first is a boy about fourteen years old. When he came to Menaul two years ago he was so dissatisfied that he resolved to run away, but he got only as far as the railroad station; there the police caught him and put him in jail until our superintendent went after him. Feeling obliged to do so he stayed through the year and by that time had changed his opinion about the school. Last fall he returned of his own accord and has not only become a bright student but is liked by all and has a wide influence for good, especially among the younger boys.

The other boy whom I have in mind is about nineteen years old. His first experience at Menaul was two years ago, also. This boy came from a strong Catholic family. He was not accustomed to read the Bible or listen to comment on it or on his religion. Any discussion angered him. When Sunday school classes were organized he was placed in the teacher's training class. He did not study. He said that only for his teacher's sake and for the sport of it he looked up the references in the Bible. When examination came, at first he would not take it. Finally he was persuaded to do so but made a very poor grade. The second examination he passed and then kept on taking the course until its completion



MARTIN CANDELARIO

last spring. This boy has now become a Christian and has united with the church. He now looks up references and reads his Bible, to use his own words, "not as a sport nor because of my teacher, but for personal good that I get from it." Needless to say that he is one of the leaders at Menaul.

What do our boys do when they get out into life? We have preachers, politicians, one man in the state senate of New Mexico, farmers, mechanics, and many school teachers. In fact we furnish more teachers for the size of our school than does any other school in the state. In one county alone, two or three years ago, out of fifty-nine teachers fifty-six were Menaul boys, and the school superintendent of that county said he was sorry the other three were not Menaul boys. J. H. Wagner, State Superintendent of schools in New Mexico, said to our superintendent lately: "Wherever a good school is found in the state under the instruction of the natives, every time it is under a boy or girl who has come from a mission school, and while the state Board of Education has not recognized your school (Menaul), no other school in the state is more worthy of first grade certificates." J. Conway, assistant to the state superintendent, said that from his traveling experiences in the state he had found that "when those boys come back home there is always a *new something in their souls* and the people are not only glad but anxious to pattern after them."

When you think of the many different communities represented by the pupils of Menaul can you imagine what Menaul means to the Southwest?

Our school accommodates only 130; our average attendance is about 148. The school goes beyond its appropriation, yet in expenses we average less than six cents per meal. In 1916-17 between forty-two and fifty applicants were refused; in 1917-18 forty-eight more were refused. How much

more could be done not only for the Spanish-American people but for that part of the country if we had the equipment we need!

Menaul has in the army and navy at present sixty-five young men and it will not be long before we shall have sixty-eight or more. We, the Spanish-Americans have but one country and one flag for which to die and that is America and the Stars and Stripes.

## The Morale of Our Women

Two new field secretaries of the Woman's Board attended the Columbus meetings. In the September Home Mission Monthly we hope to have an article on chart-making by Miss Lucy Porter, who spoke on that subject. At this time we give a portion of the remarks made by Miss Helen Wilson Streeter.—Editor.

WHO does not thrill at the sight of the colors in any form in these stirring days when patriotism runs high? Even the blue and red border of our programs has reminded us, if such reminder were necessary, that our gathering together this year is marked with unusual significance, and that our meetings are fraught with a deeper meaning than ever before.

But it is not merely "the colors" that stir us, not even the flag itself, beautiful as it is and dear to our hearts as a beloved emblem. Rather as we gaze upon it to-day are we compelled to take cognizance of what it truly represents, those principles underlying our great republic for which our boys are giving themselves so courageously and so gladly. The spirit of the time in which we are living is the atmosphere in which the fires of American patriotism are so clearly burning.

Who can adequately express in the terms of cold print, or those of dollars and cents, the life of one of our churches for a single year? No year book, however carefully written, could ever fully record the history for a twelvemonth of one of these Bethels raised to God; the full record is made only in Heaven. So has it been with this past year of special endeavor on the part of the women in a time of great strain and stress. The field secretaries of our Board have been called "its scouts." However, I could not bring to you this morning, should you wish it, a tabulated list of all matters as I have

heard them discussed at the presbyterial meetings which I have had the honor of attending lately, but I can and do most lovingly bear testimony of the *spirit* in which all plans for the future, with its ever increasing responsibility, were made. In spite of the necessarily larger apportionments entailing more and harder work than ever in the past, many were accepted with such words as these and always in this spirit, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, and in our own personal sacrifice, Madam Chairman, I move the acceptance of this budget as read." That is the "high morale" portrayed in the sacrificial lives of our American church women. And with such a spirit can we do aught but win? Is it not of the utmost importance that in the midst of all the bustle and strain and stress of this work-a-day world, with its necessarily complicated machinery, we keep alive in our hearts love for the Great Commission and the right attitude toward our part in its accomplishment? All the small, mean, and petty things of life are being burned away by the purging fire through which we are all passing. May we not pray more earnestly than ever before that we may all be brave and courageous to cast out from our individual lives aught that might hinder the ever-abiding presence there of the Holy Spirit? For only as He guides, controls, and directs can we expect to achieve ultimate and complete victory in His name.



# From the Mormon Front

Remarks by Miss Mary H. Martin, Principal of New Jersey Academy, Logan, Utah

**M**ADAME President, members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and friends: the twenty-eight workers from the seven schools and stations on the Utah Front salute you, our superior officers, and greet you, our supporters. The several posts report this for their creed: "We believe in the boys and girls of Utah, whether Mormon or Gentile, whose hearts are hungry for they know not what, who come to the doors of school or academy and brave any taunts of derision to gain a new vision of life, its meaning, its claims."

Our objective on the Utah front is to make Christ first in the hearts of our young folks; to place Bible truths in their minds; to establish such an understanding of God's will as to banish from our land all that threatens our well being; and to tie up with conviction of right the desire and willingness to stand up, though alone, for righteousness.

The position we bombard is that of isolation, sought by the early settlers of Utah and fostered by the prejudice of outsiders. This isolation forced itself upon me when as a little child I felt exclusion from the Jubilee parade in which the children of the entire town save the three of my family participated. Weeping real tears at not being Mormons, the lesson was then taught us, that they, not we, were the losers in having cut themselves off from the heritage of Christians. The day came when I exclaimed: "Father, I have an idea. If we could just ship in carloads of Christian boys and girls to live and grow and love in Christ, Utah would be a different place for all." The realization later came that actually this is what



MISS MARY H. MARTIN

has been the purpose and effect of the Woman's Board of Home Missions in distributing throughout the state Christian teachers, each of whom represents a carload and more of boys and girls back home, contributing to her support and praying for their Utah mission school boys and girls.

One of your posts on the Mormon front is New Jersey Academy, at Logan, Utah. Manned as she is by eight commissioned officers, equipped with the sword of the Spirit, the very word of God, girded with the whole armor of God, New Jersey Academy is making a persistent attack upon the barrier of isolation in Utah. Her field

for operation is Southern Idaho, Western Wyoming, and Eastern Nevada. She is unique in position. Logan is the town to which turn the eyes of all parents eager for an industrial training for their children, for there the Utah Agricultural College is located. Until recently students have entered Utah Agricultural College for much of their education reaching beyond the eighth grade. At present no such opportunity continues save above third-year high school. New Jersey Academy is the logical institution to which the girls from ranch homes may turn for preparatory work, not alone for college and further professional training, but for Christian home-making. That her students are not unaware from whence come their school privileges I am the happy bearer of a token. (At this point a Liberty Bond was presented to the Woman's Board from the pupils.)

An effective drive against Utah's isolation offers itself in the opportunities now

opening for cooperation and mutual sympathy in the great unifier of human interests, the world war. Sharers in the burdens of work and sacrifice, Mormon and Gentile begin to recognize each other's worth and part in the common service.

I wonder if it has occurred to the women of our Presbyterian Church that there are opportunities for them to make formidable drives against this barrier of isolation? Have any of you turned away from the idea of making your home in Utah? Of teaching in Utah? Of encouraging one of your own to try for a position as teacher either in a

Mission school, or, what is very desirable, in a public school? Have you even considered the discovery of a Mormon missionary at your door an opportunity to do for him the great favor he is there to confer upon you? The presence of a Mormon student in a class is a joy because he is reaching out for a vision you should help him obtain. We who represent you at the Utah Front plead for your cooperation in breaking down the barrier. Forget not the support of the main effectives, the schools and stations, but fail not either in those openings that you may come upon unawares.

## Missionary Opportunities in War Times

The noontime devotional service at the all-day meeting of the Woman's Board at Columbus, May 17, was conducted by Mrs. A. L. Whitaker of Cincinnati. Her admirable application of the fourth chapter of Esther to our own day we give herewith in somewhat condensed form.—Editor.

THE beautiful romance of Esther was written twenty-five hundred years ago for heathen eyes, but although no mention of God appears in it, it is full of meaning to us today. Esther's childhood is obscure. Probably she was without opportunities of instruction concerning God's providence and obedience to His laws, except that received from her distant relative in the Jewish faith, yet she had only to know her duty, and there was no question as to her course of action.

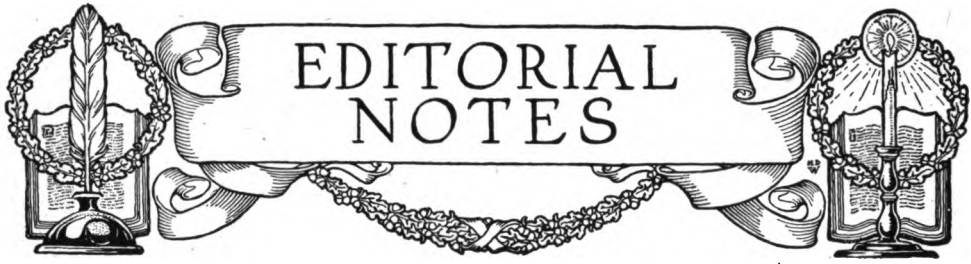
When Mordecai commanded: "Esther, think not with thyself that thou shalt escape . . . Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" there was no hesitancy. She recognized, in this supreme opportunity, God's purpose in her life. God needed her. He needs us. For years we have been organizing our Christian forces. The women's societies and guilds, bands and young people's committees are prepared for a time like this. Leaders have been trained, forces marshalled. We have been learning to give, rather than get. In these days of this world's peril, we stand prepared for the supreme trial and sacrifice. Every day we are amazed at the patient and determined unselfishness of mothers, wives, and sisters. These are times that try women's souls, and she who bravely and uncomplainingly gives her precious sons will not refuse to give her money, her time, herself.

As missionary boards and leaders, we

ought to broaden our vision and think in larger terms. Our opportunities now are restricted only by the limitations of our courage and our faith. The day of individualism is over. We are each a part of our community now, a factor in the world's work—God's work. We have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this. We must not get away from our great purpose to extend Christ's Kingdom. That is the purpose of this war. Democracy is the highest fruitage of Christianity—justice, honor, truth, brotherly love, purity of purpose, faith in God's promises; for these, we are fighting. If we are filled with spiritual enthusiasm to reach this goal, we are equipped for such a time as this, and we can confidently attempt far greater things in missions than we have ever dreamed of. *We must not fail.*

"Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer: . . . And so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish." Ahasuerus was one of the most wicked of Babylonian kings and well might Esther fear death at his hands. We have no such King whom we serve, but a God of perfect justice and wisdom and power, even "the Son of man, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." We have come to the kingdom for such a time as this, and we must not desert our Master in this sublime moment of opportunity and need.





THE one hundred and thirtieth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Columbus, Ohio, in May, was an epoch-making gathering in which patriotism and plans for union of Christian forces were dominant. Of particular note was the passage of a resolution recommending the union of all evangelical churches in America. This would mean the obliteration of denominational lines under one common name such as the Protestant Evangelical Church of America. A committee was appointed to arrange for a convention to be held not later than January, 1919, at which representatives from all denominations shall consider union. Though progress may be slow in bringing about consolidation, it is surely a high Christian ideal, and we may well be proud that our church has taken the first definite step with regard to a subject that has recently become a topic of discussion among leading denominations.

A FORWARD step in the union of home and foreign missions was made at Columbus in holding joint home and foreign mission meetings for women and young people for the first time in connection with General Assembly. Two morning conferences on methods were held. On the first of these occasions Mrs. Bennett, president of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, presided and both home and foreign officers took part. On the second morning Miss Margaret Hodge, executive secretary of Central Committee of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, presided and again home and foreign workers participated in the consideration of common interests.

The popular meeting for young people held in Indianola Church on Saturday evening, following a conference and banquet for young people, was presided over by Mrs. Bennett of our Board and Mrs. John Harvey Lee, president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. In the delightfully combined program there were "Greetings

from Afar" presented by four young people from China, Persia, and New Mexico; Miss Schafer of Dorland Institute gave a very interesting and informing talk concerning work in the southern mountains; Dr. Maud Allen of Francis Newton Hospital, India, told a thrilling story of her work; and Miss Isabel Laughlin, student secretary for both Home and Foreign Boards, spoke convincingly on "A Call to Life Investment"; while one of the best *home* mission speeches ever made was by Dr. William P. Schell, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, whose breadth of vision knew no bounds of Home and Foreign missions.

THE meetings of the Woman's Board were held in the Central Presbyterian Church of Columbus. When organized in 1839 this church was in the residential section. It is now a "downtown church" but by no means a down-and-out church. Its very live pastor, Rev. Joseph T. Britan, D.D., is awake to the opportunities of such a situation. It is a feeder for the other churches of the city. An evidence of its healthful condition is that the Sunday school and lecture room, in which the literature display was housed, is to be remodelled this summer and given up-to-date equipment. An addition is to be built also.

The Indianola Church, in which the young people's banquet and popular meeting were held, is on the other hand one of the newest churches in Columbus. The organization is but nine years old and has a membership of 800. The church is of attractive architecture and is in the heart of a beautiful residential section near the State University. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Benn, D.D., was former synodical superintendent of Home Missions in Ohio.

IN addition to those present from the city of Columbus and from Columbus Presbyterian Society, 350 women from twenty-six states and six foreign countries reg-

istered in attendance on the meetings of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. As this gathering was not made up of a delegate body this wide representation is especially noteworthy. Every presbyterial society in Ohio was represented at roll call and 179 responded from Columbus Presbyterial Society.

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THE home of President and Mrs. William Oxley Thompson, on the campus of Ohio State University, was hospitably thrown open to the women in attendance on the meetings of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards on the occasion of a reception, Saturday afternoon, May 18th. Between four and five hundred women enjoyed a delightful time of sociability and the opportunity of meeting co-workers from near and far.

Those acquainted with the University were impressed with the size and beauty of its campus and the large number of buildings. The school of military aeronautics was of particular interest and the 800 students in training gave a decidedly military aspect to the campus.

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THE members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions desire to serve the women of the Church who plan to visit their boys in camps in the vicinity of New York City, and to do this in a way that shall not duplicate the service of other organizations. Any Presbyterian woman who would like to be met upon arrival in New York or directed to boarding house or camp should address the Presbyterian Woman's Committee for Camp Visitors, Woman's Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City. A rest room at headquarters will be placed at the disposal of those not wishing to go to a hotel for a few hours between trains, during the daytime. Mail may be sent in care of this committee to be held until the arrival of the visitor. Let us serve you if we can. Read carefully the directions on page 211.

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THE foreigners who are massed in certain sections of our great cities, apparently having nothing in common with English-speaking citizens, are proving themselves a loyal part of the nation. In the intensely interesting article in the Red Cross Magazine for June, entitled "Americans All," Chloe Arnold says of New York's East Side:

"You understand that this is not a separate and alien civilization when you see the service flags of coarsest bunting (looking somehow very luminous in the morning sunlight), the flags waving from the fire escapes, and the Red Crosses gleaming in the windows." \* \* \* "My baby is asleep," said one of two Italian women passing along the street, "so I go to sew for this Red Cross. They are very kind to our poor, dear wounded." Through common interests for the welfare of those at the front, the greatest mixture of races on earth is being moulded into one nation. Now is our opportunity for Americanizing the foreigners in our midst.

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FIVE and a half million people in America cannot read or write the English language, and of this number a million and a half were born in America. Many men drafted into our army cannot understand the written orders of their officers. To give to these people our highest national ideals, to weld them into one nation is our great responsibility. "And we who are not permitted to fight, what shall be our part?" said Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, in a recent vigorous address. "Let it be our resolution that when our sons return they shall find a new spirit in America, a deeper insight into the problems of a striving people, a stronger, firmer, more positive and purposeful sense of nationality. We shall make America better worth while to Americans and of higher service to the world."

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DORLAND INSTITUTE, Hot Springs, N. C., is the third school to present the Woman's Board with a fifty dollar Liberty Bond. A letter from one of the pupils accompanied their gift and explained that everyone in any way connected with the school, whether teacher, pupil, or workman, had had a part in the purchase of the bond. The expressions of appreciation and loyalty to the Board were heartening. Normal and Collegiate Institute, Asheville, N. C., and New Jersey Academy, Logan, Utah, are the other schools that have each presented a bond to the Woman's Board.

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IN spite of rejection because of physical disability both when he volunteered for the army and again when examined in response to the draft, one of our Menaul School boys persisted, asking that he be used in

some form of government service even though it were only as teamster. To his great joy he was finally accepted for army service. Many Mexican boys are not of the required height, but they are persistent in their desire to serve and numbers of them have overcome obstacles.

A mother, whose son was at one time a pupil at our Marina Mission at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, and is now in the Panama Regiment, said recently to our worker, Miss Hazen, "People tell me I am hard hearted because I allowed my boy to become a soldier but I say I only wish I had twenty-five sons to give for the defense of my country." The patriotism of our Spanish-Americans of New Mexico and of Porto Rico is evidenced by such incidents as these.

FOLLOWING special meetings conducted by the Rev. Venecio of El Paso, thirty Mexican boys now, in Menaul School, declared themselves ready to serve Christ. Fifteen of these became members of the Presbyterian Church at Albuquerque. Wherever these young men go, their influence for good will be felt. One Menaul student who has newly entered the army and has now the rank of corporal is acting as official interpreter. May it not be that he will interpret not only the rules laid down for the United States Army but those that govern the army of the Lord!

Another message of spiritual growth comes from Forsythe Memorial School, Los Angeles, California, where eighteen Mexican girls recently united with the Spanish Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian women stand pledged for the "Defense of Tomorrow" with the motto for the year:

*"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,  
forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

## An Appreciation

In our desire to honor one who has given wonderful service to the women of all denominations through her leadership in mission and Bible study, we turned to one who had not only known her and witnessed her work, but who had the privilege of close friendship. We are indebted to Mrs. Albert L. Berry of Chicago for these discriminating and tender words.—

Editor.

On April 20th, Mrs. D. B. Wells left "this earth, a school preparative for larger ministry," and went to "higher things than this life doth afford." Her personality and work were so unique and rich that an appreciation must fall far short of expressing them, but she was so well known that each one who reads will add her own thought and estimate to complete the portrait.

Mrs. Wells had such rare gifts of mind and heart that she will always live in the impress she has made on her generation, and because these gifts were wholly dedicated to the highest service, their fruitage belongs not to a generation but to eternity. Her mind was strikingly original, forceful, and clear, and she had a breadth of vision and keenness of insight that stamped her personality on all that she said or wrote. Through the central and western states, she was more potent for the cause of missions than any other woman, and, literally, thousands who are today giving time, thought, and money for the evangelization of the world, caught the vision and learned the way from her. She was a pioneer in bringing to this then neglected and unpopular enterprise a cheery optimism and practical application that made her audience feel the privilege and joy of such service, and the individual call to a share in it. A thoughtful student and a discriminating reader, her mind was thoroughly furnished with facts of general interest, as well as those of special missionary importance, but in her happy, deft way of pres-

entation, these facts became easy of assimilation, and her hearers hardly realized how much valuable material they were receiving.

From the first, Mrs. Wells acted on the belief that information must go hand in hand with inspiration if interest in missions is to have a permanent, effective hold on Christian women. Therefore when the study of missions was launched she was an earnest and enthusiastic supporter, and several schools of missions owe their beginning and success largely to her, notably the schools at Lake Winona, Ind., and Boulder, Col. Another strong factor in her work was her faith in the Bible as the Word of God and her constant use of it as a text book in connection with her lectures and mission classes.

Mrs. Wells knew every phase of suffering, but from the time in her early womanhood when through her God-given friend she came to know Jesus Christ as her Savior, she found His grace all sufficient. In her later years there was a deepening of her spiritual life and the things that are unseen became the realities to her. The "exceeding weight of glory" made even her great trials seem "light afflictions." So strong and tender in her sympathies, so radiant with hope and good cheer, few guessed the heavy burdens, the chafing limitations, the physical pain and weariness, that were her portion. But never was an hour so dark that her brave, trusting heart did not cry, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."



THE MEETINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY WERE HELD AT MEMORIAL HALL, ERECTED IN MEMORY OF THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE CIVIL WAR

## From the Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Home Missions

Mabel M. Sheibley, Assistant Secretary

**A**T the close of the fiscal year, 1916-1917, our country was at peace; at the beginning of 1917-1918 she was at war. With the declaration of war there was borne upon us the realization that as "no man liveth unto himself" neither can any nation; that in the world of nations each nation must do its utmost "to preserve liberty and cherish justice and mercy for all lands and all peoples." And more than this—by every virtue of this war there has been wrought out a higher and broader idea of citizenship, an idea of citizenship that is world-embracing in its conception. The war has taught us and is teaching us anew each day that "a citizen of the United States is now no longer just and only that"; he is a citizen of the world.

To the Woman's Board of Home Missions, a national organization with the three-fold purpose of giving educational opportunities, medical relief, and spiritual guidance to boys and girls of our land—an organization to which is given the privilege of holding up before the youth of our country, soon to be the men and women of tomorrow, the nation's ideals of honor, truth, and justice, the privilege of giving the nation through Christian education trained Christian citizens, able and ready to assume their share of the nation's and, if need be, the world's responsibilities—the present "momentous issues for God and humanity" have been as a clarion call for a deeper and broader conception of the work, for a fuller understanding of its importance to the nation, and for an earnest endeavor that at such time as this it may render more truly that national service for which it was organized.

The organization of the Board reaches the individual woman through the synodical, the the presbyterial, and the local home missionary society. Reports of the year from these show that the constituency of the Board consists of approximately 170,000 women organized in 5,000 local home missionary societies, 100,000

young people organized in 4,500 societies, and 45,000 children organized in 2,000 Light Bearers, Little Light Bearers and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies.

Letters received from synodical presidents during the year show not only an increased interest on the part of all societies and an inspiring confidence that the work must and will prosper, but also a new and deeper appreciation of the responsibility resting on them at this time of war as never before to render indeed a national service.

### THE TREASURY

In January the Board faced a deficit of over fifty thousand dollars and curtailment of the work seemed unavoidable, but so deep was the interest, so strong the faith that the work of ministration to the sick and unfortunate should go on, so prompt and generous the response from societies and individuals, many of them the missionaries themselves, that the gifts for current work have been larger than ever before; they have reached \$508,061.90, over a half million; the expenditures for the year have been covered and there is a balance in the treasury of \$1,457.30.

Moreover, the Annuity Fund, so widely advertised this year, in which many women of the church have invested in order that their money might be available not only later for schools and hospitals, but now "for the relief of physical suffering and the training of Christian citizens for our land," has grown from \$42,641.65 to \$137,000.

### HONORARY AND LIFE MEMBERS

In no previous year have so many honorary members been added to the honorary membership list as in this year 1917-1918. This can mean but one thing: a growing interest in the work and, as a result, a deep desire on the part of societies and individuals to give more generously to its support. Last year there were added



thirty-three members representing ten societies; this year seventy representing sixteen societies.

During the year 1917-1918 the names of one-hundred and fifty-two new life members representing eighteen synodical societies have been added to the list.

#### UNITY AND COOPERATION, DENOMINATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL

##### General Council

Throughout the year there has been a steady unification of methods of procedure, policies and practice in the work done by societies as a result of the cooperation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the six Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions through General Council, a committee consisting of six members from the Woman's Board of Home Missions and one member from each of the Woman's Foreign Boards, one object of which is "to unify as far as possible the policies and methods of the Woman's Boards." The outstanding result of the year is the fact that for the first time the Prayer Calendar for Home Missions and the Year Book of Prayer for Foreign Missions have been made one book, the Year Book of Prayer for Missions.

This book will in itself be a means of promoting the primary object for which General Council was organized, for it will in presenting missions as a *whole and one* tend to "secure a larger vision of the mission work of Presbyterian women."

##### Council of Women for Home Missions

As one of the constituent Boards of the Council of Women for Home Missions, the Woman's Board has cooperated in all the policies presented by the Council with the end in view of creating "community, interdenominational, Christian fellowship in home missionary interest \* \* \* and of increasing a knowledge of home mission textbooks through study classes and lectures." As a large forward step, uniting both home and foreign interests, it heartily endorsed the action of the Council of Women for Home Missions to cooperate with the Laymen's Missionary Movement by conducting parallel interdenominational conferences for women in the various cities in which the Laymen's Missionary Movement holds its meetings, and to form local interdenominational missionary federations in order to conserve in every way the results of these conferences.



CHEROKEE AND CREEK INDIAN GIRLS

## Introduction of the Indian Quartette

By Mrs. John M. Robe

**S**TUDY creates theoretical knowledge, but to see for oneself brings about actual realization. It was not until our own boys donned khaki that we really understood that the world was at war. At the invitation of our Woman's Board of Home Missions I have brought with me four Indian girls, that you may see what your work at Dwight Indian Training School is producing. Back in the hills and the woods of Oklahoma are hundreds of boys and girls needing and longing for an education, boys and girls who do not speak the English language, whose homes for the most part are small, unventilated, unsanitary cabins. How eager they are for education and how willingly they apply themselves to study is shown by one boy who could speak not one word of English when he entered our school four years ago. He is now doing full sixth grade work.

Another, twenty-five years of age, who came to us this year unable to speak, read or write English, was called for examination for army service. He was away from the school a week and wrote: "I passed successful examinations in the remote past tense. I call next fall. I study to learn English. Nevertheless I returned to Dwight

morning Thursday." I understood from the letter perfectly that he had passed a good physical examination, but in order that he might have more English, was put on the reserve list and sent back to school.

When the boys' dormitory was burned in January it seemed to us that our hearts would break for we loved as our very own the boys whose lives were lost. Never before had we known how deep was the affection for Dwight on the part of the pupils and the Indian people. We clung together as one big family and shared our sorrow. This is a day of heart-breaking giving in which Dwight has shared; on our service flag we have fifty stars, including two gold ones. The Indian does not plunge into war for the mere excitement of fighting or being a part of the army, but because he believes a just cause is to be defended.

One of our boys writes: "I do not have to tell what I can do, I shall show my ability, and when I go over all I hope to be, is to fight like a man and die like a man. This spirit I have carried with me from Dwight. I wish I might have attended school longer. I trust that you can enroll my brother next term. I know he will

try his best to make good in school for the sake of our name (Anderson)".

Should any one tell you that the Indian reverts to old ways and customs as soon as he is out of school, you can answer that it is absolutely untrue, for the fact, proved by statistics, is that a larger percentage of educated Indian youth make good than among white students.

## Jottings from Columbus Meetings

**I**N her talk on "The Negro in Action" Mrs. Larimer told of the comment of a young Northern soldier who had spent some time in a Southern camp. Of a certain negro, he said: "When I get to France and the trenches I want to stand beside Tom. When things get thick he will say, 'Boys don't forget that Star Spangled Banner,' and when things get worse he will sing, 'What a Friend We Have In Jesus.' When we are in the trenches covered with mud, we shall all be one color and I want to stand beside Tom."

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Mrs. John L. Tait, former synodical president of Ohio, is now in England doing Y. M. C. A. work. Dr. Tait is a Y. M. C. A. secretary in France, one son is in a hospital corps in France, and another is in camp in this country.

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Reference has been made to the union of Home and Foreign mission interests in the conferences. This unity was felt very delightfully in yet another way. A member of the Woman's Board who, as chairman of the program committee was closely associated with the plans for successful meetings at Columbus, is also treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of New York. In taking part in various sessions of both Boards as well as in her unseen activities Mrs. James A. Webb was a happy embodiment of united interests.

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At the opening of the all-day session of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, in a forceful and timely address, greetings to the women assembled were extended by Mrs. John Harvey Lee, president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, (known familiarly as the Philadelphia Board.)

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The General Assembly urges that the people of the Presbyterian Church abstain from the use of wheat or wheat products until after the next harvest.

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Dr. McCrory of Biddle University, who spoke briefly for the "Negro Division," is a fine representative of his race. For thirty-two years he has been connected with that institution, first as student, then as teacher, and for many years

Dwight is not only fitting and furnishing soldiers to defend the Banner of the Cross, but our beloved national flag as well. As you look into the faces of these Dwight Indian girls as they sing, remember that standing back of them with outstretched hands are thousands of Indian people, claiming your interest and your prayers.



THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

At rear Mrs. Smith Comly, president of Columbus Presbyterian Society. At left Mrs. William Houston, daughter-in-law of a former president of Ohio Synodical Society. At right, Mrs. A. B. Adair, chairman of the Committee. At front, Mrs. Robert Pugh, corresponding secretary of Ohio Synodical Society. The thoughtful and well carried out arrangements of this committee were conducive to the comfort and pleasure of visitors and the smooth conduct of meetings.

as president. In speaking of the loyal colored troops Dr. McCrory said that when we go over the top in great victory he hopes there will be enough Negro boys to give color to the situation.

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"The Defense of Tomorrow" was the theme throughout the meetings of the Woman's Board. Patriotism and loyalty to church mingled as all strove to gain a larger vision. Under terms made familiar by war, "Dispatches from Headquarters" were given by the officers of the Board. "The Campaign" and "Financing the Campaign" were messages from the secretary and treasurer, Miss Sheibley and Miss Voss. The wonderfully successful financial issue of the year was accentuated by Mrs. Bennett, the presiding officer, and brought hearty applause. Mrs. M. J. Gildersleeve, secretary for educational work spoke on "National Training" and Miss Petrie, secretary for Young People's work on "Reserve

Forces." "The Negro in Action" was considered by Mrs. Larimer of the Freedmen's Board; "College Units," by Miss Isabel Laughlin, secretary for student's work; "Signal Service," by Miss Finks, editor of the HOME MISSION MONTHLY; and "Over Sea and Land" by Mrs. Crane, a member of the Committee on "Over Sea and Land."

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A "Literature Demonstration" was a part of the Friday program which proved the possibility of making an attractive three minute literature announcement. Four young girls came to the platform wearing suspended from their shoulders, after the fashion of the street advertisers known as sandwich men, enlarged replicas of the covers of four of the most important new outputs among home mission literature. As each girl stepped forward, Miss Rue of the literature department at headquarters gave a few words of explanation concerning the publication thus brought to the attention of the audience. The

girls left the platform, passing down the aisles to the rear of the church so that all might see at close range this novel advertisement of missionary literature.

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In connection with the literature display several small girls did effective work. Their white dresses were made patriotic by the addition of red and blue crepe paper and crowns of blue with stars of white. These girls distributed free literature and sample copies of "Over Sea and Land" and the HOME MISSION MONTHLY, taking subscriptions wherever possible.

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Reports concerning young people's work will be published in the August number of this magazine, also the very interesting address by Miss Shafer of Dorland Institute, N. C. The Annual Report of the Woman's Board, which contains the full reports of all officers, may be secured from the Literature Department of the Board.

## Missionary Education

Extracts from the Report of Mrs. M. J. Gildersleeve, Secretary for Missionary Education

It is said that "the supreme need of the world today is men and women through whom God can release His power." Again—"We need men and women in every community as leaders in moral and spiritual power—such would be a great educational force." \* \* \* They would make a noble appeal to which multitudes of our young people would respond—young people who are ready to be moved by great thoughts and to be stirred by fine emotions to good and noble deeds, but they need intellectual leaders to show them the way."

It is not sufficient in these days to be willing to be good, however vague the word appears in its interpretation; we must be *intelligently* good in order to recognize the supreme need "and allow God to release His power" through us that we may be equipped spiritually and intellectually. The Woman's Board of Home Missions, through the department of Missionary Education, has endeavored to fulfill this aim. Through its field secretaries and officers, messages have been sent to the entire constituency to help all to become a great spiritual and educational force. Each and all have faithfully endeavored to present the financial crisis which has faced the Board and material success has followed their efforts. The drive for increased gifts which called for extra service of Board members, officers and field secretaries placed the heaviest burden upon the treasurer. Miss Voss made a trip to the principal cities east of the Mississippi, crossing that great river at one place, St. Louis. She won not only the hearts of the women, but also their larger interest and effort to meet the extraordinary demands due to war conditions.

### Field Secretaries

With regret we must allow Miss Abby H. J. Upham to retire for a much needed rest after eight years of conscientious and efficient service.

We are grateful for the continuing service of Mrs. A. I. Aldrich, who helps to keep things moving forward on the Pacific Coast. Last fall we introduced Miss Lucy Porter to the field work and workers, and Miss Helen Streeter joined the ranks of field secretaries on January 1st.

### Mission Study

Never in the history of this country have the time and thought of the women of the church been so responsive to the demands of the Nation as in this great crisis. To their credit it should be recorded that the women of the Presbyterian Church, while meeting the requirements of the Nation, still have been faithful to the evangelization of our country. Many have had to economize time for mission study, either using the program in the monthly missionary meeting or the relay class of one day for the study of the book. The record for the year closing April 1st shows a total of 1570 classes. Of these 699 were regular mission study classes, 255 program meetings, 164 reading circles and 80 relay classes.

The Westminster Guild reports 372 classes, an increase over last year, while the Light Bearers, C. E.'s and woman's missionary societies show a loss of 29 classes. The loss in woman's missionary societies is due to several causes; paramount is the time given to the Red Cross and the shortage of fuel which in a number of cases made it necessary to close churches and rooms in homes which might have been used for study classes. Each year increasing effort is made to give definite study of Home Missions its rightful place and the number of additional local leaders shows that there has been advance.

### Institutes

Last fall Miss Gertrude Schultz of the Philadelphia Board and Miss Lucy Porter of our Board carried on a series of institutes which proved

very successful. To these institutes, which were held two days in one locality, delegates were sent from adjacent towns. The program called for a special devotional theme, four sessions of mission study on both home and foreign books, method classes for all lines of work, with one evening devoted to field messages.

#### Summer Conferences

Believing firmly that the training secured at summer schools is a great asset to the churches, the Woman's Board readily cooperates with summer schools and sends leaders for definite work.

#### Educational Campaign

In conjunction with the Board of the North-

west, the Woman's Board of Home Missions sent representatives to the conferences in Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, during the past year. If results can be measured by effort and enthusiasm we have reason to believe missions received a new impetus. It was with deep regret to the constituency that the failing health of the well beloved Mrs. D. B. Wells made it impossible for her to be present at all sessions of this campaign.

"The fiery passion of a great purpose" is filling the hearts of America today. May that "fiery passion" result in meeting the supreme need of the world and express itself in the development of leaders of spiritual and intellectual force through whom God can release His power.

## Annual Financial Report

Edna Renard Voss, Treasurer

**E**XTRACTS from the statement of the Treasurer presenting the financial report of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the year ended March 31st, 1918:

#### INCOME FOR CURRENT WORK

Woman's Missionary Societies.....	\$337,256.38
Westminster Guilds.....	15,694.17
Young Women's Societies and Bands.....	23,217.22
Y. P. and C. E. Societies.....	24,585.58
Sabbath Schools.....	13,426.98
Churches.....	1,899.85
Individual gifts and miscellaneous	16,623.55
Tuition and receipts from the field.	67,736.66
Rents and sales.....	1,035.00
Interest on Permanent Funds.....	7,486.51
	\$508,961.90

#### EXPENDITURES FOR CURRENT WORK

Budget for schools and hospitals.....	\$429,255.88
Travel, teachers, and missionaries..	4,997.90
Insurance on property.....	4,707.55
Field work and traveling expenses.	7,154.47
Travel, officers.....	3,043.53
Salaries, officers.....	12,466.70
Salaries, clerks.....	21,806.14
Exchanges on checks.....	148.77
Rent of offices.....	6,413.87
Office operating:	
General expenses.....	\$1,242.65
Postage.....	4,096.33
Auditors' fees.....	300.00
Printing (net).....	5,973.11
Stationery.....	1,498.77
	\$13,110.86
Advertising.....	869.35
Student Work.....	2,300.00
Over Sea and Land.....	775.00
Council of Women for Home Missions.....	50.00
General Council.....	66.48
Latin American Committee.....	200.00
Collections refunded.....	138.10
	\$507,504.60

Year's excess of receipts for current work over expenses for current work..... \$1,457.30

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

##### FROM SYNODICAL SOCIETIES—for Current Work

	1914-1915	1916-1917	1917-1918
Alabama.....	\$631.20	\$655.44	\$704.35
Arkansas.....	666.90	740.61	827.02
Arizona.....	415.30	458.25	490.46
Atlantic.....	38.50	22.75	4.25
Baltimore.....	14,816.75	15,747.28	18,991.06
California.....	15,574.45	15,698.96	19,314.65
Canadian.....		2.00	

Catawba.....	56.95	63.00	72.00
Colorado.....	5,549.12	4,962.88	6,797.82
East Tennessee.....	2.00	4.00	3.00
Idaho.....	491.35	713.88	799.25
Illinois.....	18,702.55	20,179.92	21,168.29
Indiana.....	9,721.25	9,820.67	11,427.28
Iowa.....	11,028.82	11,310.47	13,746.10
Kansas.....	7,547.45	7,745.37	9,472.24
Kentucky.....	386.01	2,515.32	3,203.23
Michigan.....	11,010.27	11,361.28	15,634.47
Minnesota.....	10,853.40	11,499.17	13,503.59
Mississippi.....	239.79	255.87	224.46
Missouri.....	10,951.29	11,253.14	13,258.40
Montana.....	1,095.30	1,138.55	1,443.10
Nebraska.....	4,377.06	4,917.48	5,371.52
New England.....	2,592.07	2,625.00	3,305.70
New Jersey.....	26,753.95	28,556.30	33,339.16
New Mexico.....	484.35	468.15	627.28
New York.....	59,206.31	59,750.83	68,839.45
North Dakota.....	1,519.67	1,561.25	1,786.11
Ohio.....	27,048.46	42,877.76	36,855.03
Oklahoma.....	2,625.08	2,633.56	3,303.76
Oregon.....	2,393.60	3,172.26	3,396.69
Pennsylvania.....	67,241.09	67,967.00	85,386.42
South Dakota.....	1,842.91	1,723.45	2,050.30
Tennessee.....	3,690.94	3,165.33	4,134.24
Texas.....	3,361.10	3,193.25	4,156.25
Utah.....	441.70	563.35	616.31
Washington.....	2,898.08	3,507.49	4,434.26
West German.....		2.50	5.00
West Virginia.....	2,858.14	3,520.02	3,863.41
Wisconsin.....	2,548.23	2,888.14	3,277.04
Wyoming.....		303.09	323.40

#### FROM ORGANIZATIONS

W. M. Societies..	\$255,815.57	\$284,041.17	\$337,256.38
Y. W. and Bands.	22,606.50	21,570.03	23,217.22
Westminster Guilds	11,441.17	12,572.72	15,694.17
Y. P. and C. E.'s.	24,902.14	25,624.90	24,585.58
Sunday Schools..	17,018.82	13,976.12	13,426.98
Churches.....	2,555.83	1,650.08	1,899.85

#### FROM INDIVIDUALS

Individuals.....	\$12,381.15	\$9,377.76	\$16,623.55
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#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS BY OBJECTS

	1915-1916	1916-1917	1917-1918
Current work.....	\$422,665.67	\$441,025.76	\$508,961.90
Buildings.....	59,680.93	69,964.63	42,035.52
Extras transmitted.	2,935.09	2,897.29	6,643.53
Emergency Fund...	3,364.51	3,690.38	4,264.43
Literature sales.....	10,098.84	9,658.72	10,794.72
Home Mission			
Monthly.....	18,710.13	20,338.98	19,755.92
Annuity gifts.....	5,100.00	19,200.00	94,358.35
Legacies.....	92,698.63	52,255.35	20,670.08
Permanent Invested Fund.....	500.00	30,290.31	17,749.87



Work among im-			
migrants.....	26,141.46	30,821.63	35,546.17
Freedmen.....	101,925.21	101,608.35	101,486.26

#### COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE BUDGET FOR SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS

	1915-1916	1916-1917	1917-1918
Alaskans.....	\$39,849.98	\$38,999.24	\$39,266.20
Indians.....	52,982.51	56,621.27	69,704.60
Mexicans.....	53,625.59	58,332.71	66,720.39
Mormons.....	34,883.11	37,761.18	39,462.50
Mountaineers.....	119,806.60	146,161.77	171,946.89
Porto Ricans.....	34,999.78	18,275.37	30,309.37
Cubans.....	10,504.42	11,244.46	11,065.14
Work among immi-			
grants at ports of			
entry.....	1,032.11	858.91	780.79
	<u>\$347,484.10</u>	<u>\$368,154.91</u>	<u>\$429,255.88</u>

#### EXPENDED FOR BUILDINGS

The following payments have been made for buildings, equipment, etc., from building funds during 1917-1918:

<b>INDIAN</b>	
Dwight Indian Training School.....	\$4,082.26
<b>MORMON</b>	
New Jersey Academy, Logan, Utah.....	1,892.44
Wasatch Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Utah, Finks	
Memorial Building.....	880.26
<b>MOUNTAINEER</b>	
Asheville Normal and Collegiate Institute.....	1,302.42
Harlan School, Smith, Ky.....	1,076.78
Dorland Institute, Hot Springs, N. C.....	1,492.37
Wooten Creek, Wooten, Ky.....	589.51
Asheville Chapel, Asheville, N. C.....	5,523.22
<b>PORTO RICAN</b>	
San Juan Hospital, Porto Rico.....	42,091.35
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
General Building and Equipment Fund, small	
amounts used for other schools not mentioned	
above.....	6,569.45
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$65,500.04</b>

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

One hundred dollars over and above regular contributions, paid into the treasury of the Board at one time, is required for an honorary membership. Seventy honorary members have been added to the roll within the last twelve months, making a total of 299.

#### LIFE MEMBERS

Twenty-five dollars over and above regular contributions, paid into the treasury of the Board at one time, is required for a life membership. The year 1917-1918 has increased the enrollment of life members by 152 names.

#### HOME MISSION MONTHLY

Since the incorporation of the Board all financial accounts of the HOME MISSION MONTHLY have been kept in the Treasury Department.

The following financial statement is presented on behalf of the business of the HOME MISSION MONTHLY:

Amount on hand, April 1st, 1917.....	\$8,081.59
Total receipts from subscriptions.....	19,755.92
	<u>27,837.51</u>
Paid for salaries, rent, office and	
operating expenses.....	21,337.56
Balance on hand, April 1st, 1918....	<b>\$6,499.95</b>

#### EMERGENCY FUND

The Emergency Fund is a special created for the purpose of aiding those workers in the mission

fields who may be ill or in special need. The payment of \$1.00 by each woman's missionary society has this year been sufficient to meet the needs, as will be seen by the following statement:

Balance brought forward from year	
1916-1917.....	\$1,513.09
Received from Societies 1917-1918.....	4,064.43
	<u>5,577.52</u>
Expended during year.....	3,234.35
Balance on hand, April 1st, 1918....	<b>\$2,343.17</b>

#### LEGACY RESERVE FUND

By action of the Woman's Board under date of May 11th, 1915, it was voted that beginning with the fiscal year April 1st, 1915, all legacies undesignated should be deposited in a fund to be known as the "Legacy Reserve Fund," said fund to be drawn upon for buildings, the purchase of land and other items specifically mentioned in the action above referred to, only on vote of the Woman's Board. During the year the legacies as described below were received and deposited in this fund and expenditures were made as noted:

Balance on hand April 1st, 1917.....	<b>\$81,349.49</b>
Legacies received during the year	
1917-1918	
Estate of Pamela W. Montague.....	\$374.30
" " Maria J. Elder.....	500.00
" " Isabella F. Cooper.....	250.00
" " Elizabeth Burnett.....	1,200.00
" " Adeline C. Pryor.....	628.67
" " Annie E. Venable.....	773.84
" " M. F. McCaffrey.....	250.00
" " Jane A. Dimock.....	250.00
" " Jeannette C. Springs.....	623.02
" " Louisa C. Austin.....	375.00
" " Mrs. Mary I. Gilchrist.....	950.00
" " Lydia S. Hays.....	1,500.00
" " Anna M. Willard.....	4,755.00
" " Mrs. H. A. Quis, late a member	
of Cambridge Church,	
N. Y.....	175.00
" " Mrs. Mary A. Curtis.....	624.39
" " Georgians, Hastings, Samp-	
son Maynard.....	50.00
" " Mary A. Huntington.....	355.32
	<u>\$13,632.54</u>
	<b>94,982.03</b>

Loan to various schools now returned	4,086.17
	<u>\$99,068.20</u>
Less fees in re Austin Estate.....	\$1,000.00
Less loss in exchange of securities	
Austin Est.....	269.79
Less loan to San Juan Hospital Bldg.	
(temporary).....	60,000.00
Balance on hand April 1st, 1918....	<b>\$37,798.41</b>

#### LEGACIES SPECIFIED

Balance on hand April 1, 1917.....	\$10,470.14
Estate of Harriet N. Oliver for	
Forsythe Memorial school.....	\$550.00
	<u>\$11,020.14</u>

#### ANNUITY GIFTS

An annuity gift is a fund received by the Woman's Board on which an income is guaranteed to the annuitant for life. On the death of the annuitant this fund falls into the treasury of the Board without litigation, delay, or uncertainties of courts of law.

The following annuity gifts were received during the year:

Abbott, Mrs. Elizabeth E.	Akin, Mrs. Charlotte A.
Adams, Mrs. Sarah C.	Allen, Mrs. Amanda
"A Friend," Baltimore, Md.	Allen, Mrs. Gertrude H.
"A Friend," California.	Baker, Mrs. Mabel C.
A Friend of the Work.	Banks, Miss Grace M.

Barclay, Mrs. C. Cecilia.  
Blackstone, Mrs. Elizabeth  
W  
Barr, Mrs. Eliza C.  
Barr, Mrs. Sarah F.  
Bennett, Mrs. M. Katherine  
Bailey, Mrs. Belle T.  
Blaine, Mrs. Laura A.  
Blossom, Miss L. Augusta  
Book, Mrs. Selinda S.  
Bowen, Mrs. C. Electa  
Brown, Mrs. Eueua H.  
Brown, Miss M. Cornelia  
Brown, Mr. S. J.  
Bull, Mrs. Mary E.  
Burrell, Mrs. Ella O.  
Campbell, Miss Grace D.  
Carey, Mrs. Nettie.  
Carpenter, Mrs. Emily J.  
Carson, Miss Anna C.  
Casselberry, Rev. William  
W. and Mary G.  
Chapin, Miss Sarah H.  
Conklin, Miss Bertha  
Conklin, Miss S. Louisa  
Conklin, Mrs. Mary E. K.  
Corwin, Mrs. Celestia A.  
Croebly, Miss Alice L.  
Croebly, Mrs. Mary M.  
Cummings, Miss Martha  
Cutler, Miss Sarah J.  
Dampman, Miss Emma J.  
Darr, Miss Anna E.  
Davies, Mrs. D.L.  
Davis, Miss Sarah C.  
Decker, Mrs. Agnes P.  
Deemer, Mrs. Cora H.  
DeVinney, Mrs. Margaret E.  
Diesem, Miss Emma  
Donnell, Miss Emma A.  
Dodds, Mrs. W. V. A.  
Dufford, Miss Mary J.  
Eaton, Miss Margaret D.  
Elcock, Miss Elizabeth M.  
Elmore, Mrs. G. H.  
Esmay, Mrs. Mary J.  
Ewing, Miss Annie L.  
Farrier, Mrs. Mary A.  
Fleming, Miss Alvina  
Fockler, Miss K. Laura  
Forsyth, Mrs. Wm.  
Foister, Miss A. Belle  
Foister, Miss Marilla C.  
Funk, Mrs. S. G.  
Geil, Mrs. Constance E.  
Green, Mrs. Emma C.  
Gould, Miss Eva M.  
Graham, Miss Martha  
Hall, Mrs. Jane W.

Harris, Adelaide E..  
Harvey, Mrs. E.  
Heffron, Miss Ella I.  
Henderson, Sarah F. V. L.  
Herron, Miss Ella C.  
Hesse, Mrs. Fred  
Heywood, Miss Lucy M.  
Hickox, Mrs. Alice R.  
Hilanda, Mrs. Exie B.  
Holmes, Miss Kate J.  
Holt, Miss Marie M.  
Hopkins, Miss Lydia C.  
Hubbard, Mrs. Laura S.  
"Individual," Albany Pres-  
byterial Society.  
Ingersoll, Sarah H.  
Ireland, Catherine Lindsay  
Johnson, Mrs. Amelia F.  
Johnson, Miss E. A.  
Jorgensen, Miss Manetta  
Keen, Miss Florence  
Keesbury, Miss Alice S.  
Kelly, Mrs. J. I.  
Kendall, Mrs. Julia B.  
Kerr, Mr. W. A.  
Kilgore, Miss Margaret M.  
Kyle, Miss Elizabeth J.  
Kyle, Mrs. Margaret  
Lawahse, Mrs. Charlotte H.  
Leatherman, Mrs. M. J.  
Leonard, Mrs. Laura P.  
Lincoln, Miss Flora E.  
Lloyd, Miss Cornelia L.  
Loveland, Mrs. Charles N.  
Loveland, Mrs. Emily C.  
McCandless, Minnie  
McCay, Miss Hadessa J.  
McCord, Miss Mary Rose  
McCracken, Miss Belle F.  
McCracken, Elizabeth I.  
McCuulloch, Mrs. Mary R.  
McDowell, Mrs. W. I.  
McGrew, Mrs. S. E.  
McKean, Mrs. J. Ella  
McMonigle, Miss L. S.  
Marshall, Mr. T. Marcellus  
Marwell, Mrs. Gertrude A.  
Mead, Miss Annie M.  
Merrick, Mrs. Mary E.  
Miller, Mrs. M. M.  
Morgan, Miss Annie E.  
Morgan, Lissie A.  
Mueller, Miss Ida L.  
Myer, Miss Eva.  
Niven, Mrs. Elizabeth L.  
Parvin, Mrs. Mary D.  
Patterson, Miss Alice C.  
Pentecost, Mrs. Sarah R.  
Potter, Frances Eldridge  
Quaw, Mrs. S. M.

Quinlan, Jr., Mrs. W. J.  
Rarig, Mrs. John.  
Reeder, Miss Margaret L.  
Richards, Mrs. Mary Kalb.  
Rogers, Miss Nellie C.  
Rupert, Miss Eva  
Rutherford, Miss Eleanor G.  
Ryerson, Miss Mary H.  
Scotton, Mrs. Mary C.  
Selden, Mrs. Sarah Carroll  
Shaffner, Emma M.  
Simpson, Mrs. Sarah E.  
Slater, Mrs. Lenora  
Slayton, Mrs. Alice M.  
Smith, Carrie C.  
Stewart, Miss Charlotte A.  
Stewart, Mrs. Sarah E.  
Stillman, Miss Liaka

Stoler, Mrs. Annie M.  
Taylor, Miss M. E.  
Tooker, Miss Mary R.  
Tutt, Miss Eva.  
Vaughn, Miss Lura I.  
Waid, Mrs. D. Everett  
Ware, Mrs. Mary E.  
Weller, Miss Marion E.  
Wells, Mrs. Maria P.  
Whittlesey, Mrs. Curtis E.  
Wilcox, Miss Marie E.  
Wilder, Miss Emma W.  
Williams, Katherine R.  
Wills, Mrs. Julia Hazlehurst  
Wilson, Mrs. Mary S. S.  
Wilson, Miss Jennie E.

Total received, \$94,358.35.

Balance on hand April 1, 1918.....

\$137,619.61

#### PERMANENT FUND

The Permanent Fund of the Board is an invested fund composed of gifts and legacies from societies and individuals only the interest of which is applied toward the general work of the Board or toward the special objects designated in the gift.

The Permanent Fund of the Board was increased during 1917-1918 by the following gifts and legacies:

Susan Whitmore Estate.....	\$500.00
D. E. and Mary E. McKean.....	50.00
Philadelphia Presbyterian Society (in part).....	500.00
Mrs. Fanny C. Sinclair.....	500.00
Chas. G. Brown, Est.....	16,174.87
	17,724.87

Permanent Funds still in possession of the Board of Home Missions.....	184,235.51
Permanent Funds received 1915-1916 and 1916-1917.....	41,950.31

Balance on hand April 1, 1918... \$243,910.89

Total Funds..... \$520,369.85

#### SUMMARY

The Treasury handled in 1917-1918 the largest amount of cash in the history of the Board, namely, \$1,216,413.52

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA R. VOSS,  
Treasurer

### WAR SERVICE of the WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

If you are planning to visit relatives or friends in camps or hospitals in the vicinity of New York, the Presbyterian Woman's Committee for Camp Visitors will gladly meet you at the train and give you information concerning lodging and transportation to camps or hospitals. We invite you to make Room 627, 156 Fifth Avenue, your headquarters. If you wish to be met send this information without fail.

Name.....

Address.....

Name of Railroad or Boat.....

Number of Train..... Date..... Time of Arrival.....

Camp to be visited.....

Look for the Lady with the Bright Blue Badge W. B. H. M.

(For further information see editorial on page 203.)

# Honorary Members

Extracts from the remarks at Columbus by Miss Anna M. Alward, chairman of the Honorary Membership Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions

**A**T a glance it will be seen that seventy new Honorary Members this year mean \$7000 for our treasury, an amount needed and much appreciated; but to have added seventy women to those who are following the formula for work, "Intercession, Influence, Increase," means far more. We are called Honorary Members, but we are not wrapped in the mantle of honor and laid away to forget and to be forgotten; we are a working force. If we give ourselves faithfully to intercession, then influence and increase will naturally follow. Think how much by precept and example our Savior taught us concerning prayer. Whole nights were spent in prayer; no work was undertaken without close communion with His Father; He gave us a form of prayer, and taught that the retirement of a room at home is the best place for prayer; He gave promises of answer to earnest prayer and when He left the earth He said to those who were to carry on the great work of redemption, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city

of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." We thus see that prayer is work, the most effective work of the Christian's life. This is our work as Honorary Members of the Woman's Board and from it will follow a beautiful influence and increased service for Christ's Kingdom.

The personal touch among the Honorary Members is given through the work of a committee of eighteen of their number from thirteen states reaching from Minnesota to Florida, and from New York to California. To each of this national committee is assigned a circle of Honorary Members to whom they write twice each year, ever keeping before them our formula of work. The chairman of the committee is a member of the Board and is thus a connecting link between the Board and the widely scattered members.

We begin our year's work with a membership of three hundred and twenty, and with the opportunity and possibility of being the greatest force of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

## NEW HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS DURING 1917-1918

Names are listed under the synodical society from which the membership was presented

Baltimore	Michigan	New Jersey
Mrs. Belle Humphreys Jones, Salisbury	Mrs. Richard Owen, Detroit	Miss Evaline S. Valentine, Shrewsbury
Mrs. George W. Todds, M.D., Salisbury	Miss Agnes L. Barclay, Detroit	New York
Mrs. Belle Williams Fowler, Salisbury	Mrs. Geo. M. Hankenson, Detroit	Mrs. Elizabeth C. Stevenson, Yonkers
California	Mrs. Geo. A. Brown, Detroit	Miss Emma Jessie Ogg, Brooklyn
Miss Ida L. Boone, Pasadena	Mrs. C. A. Strelenger, Detroit	Miss Margaret L. Parish, Naples
Mrs. L. A. McAfee, Berkeley	Mrs. Chas. W. Restrict, Detroit	Mrs. James Robertson
Mrs. Billie Sunday, San Anselmo	Mrs. Wm. B. Gants, Detroit	Miss Julia Guest
Mrs. W. H. Wilkins, Los Angeles	Mrs. Tracy McGregor, Detroit	Ohio
Mrs. Thomas F. Day, San Rafael	Miss Jennie N. Dean, Detroit	Mrs. Jesse F. Allen, Palestine
Mrs. Henrietta B. Stark,	Mrs. Martha S. Marsh, Detroit	Mrs. A. N. Elliott, Cleveland Heights
Mrs. Willis I. Perkins, San Francisco	Mrs. Fred D. Johnson, Detroit	Oklahoma
Colorado	Mrs. Wm. Sidebotham, Detroit	Mrs. W. H. Hendren, Tulsa
Mrs. J. G. Klene, Ft. Collins	Mrs. F. M. Thompson, Detroit	Pennsylvania
Mrs. E. H. Silverthorne, Chicago	Miss Sarah Common, Detroit	Mrs. J. R. Simpson, Huntington
Miss Nettie M. Dobbins, Boulder	Mrs. Robert McGregor, Detroit	Miss Florence Redway, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. L. D. Robinson, Colorado Springs	Miss J. O. Lambie, Detroit	Miss Anne E. Smith, Mt. Pleasant
Mrs. A. M. Donaldson, Denver	Mrs. J. E. Henderson, Detroit	Mrs. Bion B. Williams, E. McKeesport
Miss Eliss H. Glassey, Ft. Morgan	Mrs. Minot C. Morgan, Detroit	Mrs. Anna E. Berry Woods, McKeesport
Indiana	Miss Frances B. Cressey, Detroit	Mrs. H. C. Roberts, Philadelphia
Mrs. Walter Marmon, Indianapolis	Mrs. Joseph W. Cochran, Detroit	Mrs. Willis B. Skillman, Philadelphia
Iowa	Mrs. F. W. MacDonald, Detroit	Mrs. Lydia Penrose Hodge, Germantown, Philadelphia
Mrs. Anna Ellis, Dallas Center	Missouri	Mrs. William Grasse, Meadville
Mrs. A. E. Cameron, Morning Sun	Mrs. Duncan Brown, St. Joseph	Mrs. Samuel Semple, Titusville
Kansas	Minnesota	Mrs. Amanda C. Dickey, Oil City
Mrs. R. O. Deming, Oswego	Mrs. Wm. Hengstler, Willmar	Mrs. Lucy Emerson, Titusville
Mrs. L. L. McShane, Merriam	Mrs. H. P. Gallaher, Minneapolis	Washington
Miss Lucy Porter, New York	Montana	Mrs. J. Addison Campbell, Germantown, Philadelphia
	Miss Gertrude Crane, Albuquerque, N. M.	

## THEIR PLEA

"Hold up our hands, dear ones, in prayer, that we,  
Out at the front,—  
Disheartened, lonely,—may encouraged be  
To bear the brunt."  
Thus speak the lonely hearts of those who go  
To distant plain  
As faithful laborers in God's ripening fields  
Of precious grain.

They do not crave our pity—just to know  
That we do care,  
And take their names, their work, their needs to Him  
In daily prayer.  
And God forbid that we so sin as not  
Their work to share,  
When we may send to them the lifting power  
Of daily prayer.

LIDA V. HUNTER

# Signal Service

Based on the Annual Report of the Home Mission Monthly

Theodora Finks, Editor

**F**LOATING over the battlefield above the noise and smoke is a captive balloon whose observer is tense and alert at his post of vantage. In the signal service he is equipped with means of transmitting to headquarters the information gained and as a result the artillery fire is effectively directed. From an airplane, by means of the camera, the conditions are corroborated and visualized. To support the line engaged in active attack there must be accurate information for those who cannot see the battlefield themselves but are as loyal in their desire to bring about a successful issue.

THE HOME MISSION MONTHLY with its messages from those who have seen and know, and its photographs which substantiate their verbal report is your signal service medium in Home Mission work. The magazine is essential to your success—you who are upholding the home mission firing line—and for this reason you are naturally interested in its degree of prosperity in the past year and its prospects in the year just entered.

One of the largest corporations of high standing in our country recently issued a statement to stockholders which closed with these words:

"While we have the usual tribulations, yet we have no more than our share, and only enough to keep those who have the burden and responsibility of the service in good, healthy condition mentally, teaching them to do things better and better. We consider the strength of our business is in the fact that it uniformly and healthily responds to prosperity, and never becomes dangerously depressed when the flood of prosperity recedes."

This message during war times from a successful business concern has the right ring and we feel that it is equally applicable to the HOME MISSION MONTHLY. We have had our problems during the past months in common with all magazines. Increased expenses have faced us at every turn; difficulty in connection with prompt delivery of second class mail has been a great trial; our secretaries for literature have in some cases been so occupied with war interests that they have not given the usual time to securing subscriptions; while those who have worked to their utmost have found subscribers divided in their interests. But in spite of conditions we have not been "unduly depressed," and as in the past we have "uniformly and healthily responded to prosperity," so we expect not only to regain our full momentum after normal conditions are resumed but we truly feel that during the second year of war even though problems may be more difficult, every woman who shares the burden of responsibility will be more alert, more efficient, more earnest to bring success. May we all rise to the emergency!

We rejoice that it has not been necessary to raise the subscription price of the HOME MISSION MONTHLY for not only was a surplus of \$43,000 turned into the treasury of the Woman's Board

during the thirty years of the magazine's existence but a balance for emergencies was retained which has made it possible to carry the magazine at the usual subscription rate during a period of war and war prices.

During the past year our list of subscriptions totaled 39,511. While this does not reach last year's highest record in our history—40,500, yet it exceeds the record of the previous year by 2,500. We know that so good a record is due to very faithful and earnest work on the part of our secretaries for literature and to them we are deeply grateful.

Our Apportionment Plan for the HOME MISSION MONTHLY subscription list continues to prove a valuable aid. By March 31st, 418 local societies had notified headquarters that they had met their full apportionment, and among presbyterian societies 47. Recognition is due the societies that have accomplished the part assigned them in maintaining a large subscription list and the HOME MISSION MONTHLY Honor Roll will be published in the magazine. No one can now feel that such methods are child's play for the wisdom of an apportionment of subscriptions and recognition by honor roll is corroborated by the Government's use in connection with the third Liberty Loan of a quota for each region and honor flags and honor rolls that should recognize localities having met the quota of bonds apportioned them.

A feature of the past year was coordination in the arrangement of home and foreign mission topics. Such home and foreign topics as are allied in nature have been so far as possible placed in the same months with the hope that the new arrangement will add to the unity of the program of joint home and foreign societies.

War demands make an intelligent and responsive attitude toward the regular work of the church more pressing than ever. To furnish in our pages that which shall meet the needs of a responsive constituency there is constant search for fresh material. In this effort cooperation of men and women of note has been one of the delights of this year as well as former years. Seldom does a man or woman who is a recognized authority in a given line, though apparently pressed beyond measure with duties, decline to contribute to our pages. These friends have materially aided in securing a varied presentation of the topics which need to be treated year after year.

Lack of fixed purpose is responsible for much of the inefficiency seen the world over. We do not wish to have the HOME MISSION MONTHLY subscription list suffer from any such shortcoming. Therefore we have decided upon a definite total of subscriptions which we shall work to secure this year and shall expect to secure; a number entirely possible, yet well in advance of the present list; a number that will demand stiff work on the part of our secretaries, but that will



give encouragement all round when attained. Our goal for the year, 1918-1919, is 42,000 subscriptions, 2,500 in advance of the number received during the past year. -

Let us not delay our start even until autumn but with courage and confidence at once tackle

the task with all the energy that in us lies. Let us go "over the top" of our highest past record in order that more women than ever before shall be supplied with the vital information and stimulus supplied by your Signal Service—the HOME MISSION MONTHLY.

## Three Great Needs

Remarks by Miss S. Catherine Rue at the Literature Conference, Columbus

THE local society is the unit of our organization. Upon it presbyterial, synodical, and board organizations are built. The strength of a presbyterial society is measured by the average of its local units, and synodical societies and boards cannot rise above the aggregate. Therefore in any study of methods it is logical to begin with local societies and to consider that which will strengthen those below the average.

A general survey of the work of distributing the publications of our Woman's Boards discloses three great requirements in local societies. We need:

*First*, a higher standard of qualification for the office of secretary for literature.

*Second*, a higher standard of missionary intelligence in the membership.

*Third*, a higher standard for the programs of the monthly missionary meeting.

How to attain these standards speedily is the question. We have talked to local secretaries for literature about greater *efficiency* until this word is over-worked. Let us hereafter ask them to *qualify* for office before election.

A candidate for this office should attend the meetings of the missionary society regularly, should use the Year Book of Prayer and subscribe for the magazines for which she is to be elected to solicit subscriptions. How can she expect success in securing subscriptions from others if she is not herself familiar with these helps?

It is a fact that many local secretaries for literature do not begin to do their year's work until they receive the blank form for the annual report. These women have gotten into a deep rut. Ask them to qualify.

An all-round ability is essential for this office; a winsome personality, a love for missionary reading, a memory enabling one to impart information to others, and a grasp of details for the accurate care of cash accounts. The local secretary for literature should not be chosen to be honored with office but should work to honor the office. She should not be contented with securing renewals of subscriptions for magazines and orders for the Year Book of Prayer from the same people as formerly, but she should have a vision of her opportunities to win new friends to the cause of missions.

The Star Plan is helping to magnify the office. It reduces the year's work of the local secretary for literature to five lines of printed matter, but it keeps her busy the full twelve months if she develops its possibilities.

Unless local secretaries for literature qualify how shall we raise the standard of missionary

intelligence of the membership of our societies and of the rank and file of women in our denomination? This is our second great need.

The secretary of our Board reports an enrollment of 170,000 women who are sufficiently interested to contribute to missions. They would give more if they knew more. The subscription list of our magazine records nearly 40,000 women who receive information periodically. Add to this a generous allowance of 10,000 who may read the magazines of "their sisters and their cousins and their aunts" and we have 50,000 Presbyterian women in touch with printed information that helps them to be intelligent about the work of missions.

Of our total membership 50,000 is 28 per cent. Ways and means should be devised to reach the other 72 per cent, numbering 128,000 already in our organization. At a conservative estimate there are over 300,000 women in our great church who are not connected with our organization. How shall these know about missions? They must at least realize that there is need before they can become members.

If the secretaries for literature will carefully classify the membership of their societies, making lists of the women who do not read missionary literature, then enlist the help of those who do read, and by a carefully planned campaign of personal visitation send out those who do read to win those who do not, there should be a great forward movement in our work.

Our third need is a higher standard of programs for the regular monthly meeting of the woman's missionary society. Having a more competent local secretary for literature and a more enlightened membership, the local society will demand a continuously improving monthly meeting. The quality of this program in every society demonstrates to the local church and community the health of the organization. When this program fails, the reputation of the society and the cause of missions are affected, attendance dwindles, and gifts decrease.

The active secretary for literature should be a member of the program committee that she may be linked to the entire educational program of the society and suggest best literature for developing topics.

Will you help to meet these needs at once? There are many compelling interests in our lives; Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Liberty Loans, all appeal to our patriotism. But do you think that any woman can contribute a higher type of patriotic service than to spread knowledge of missions in this day?

# Annual Report of Freedmen Work

Mrs. W. T. Larimer, Secretary of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions for Freedmen  
The report in full may be secured from the Board of Missions for Freedmen

**T**O Christian workers there has come the sound of the Master's voice this year above the tumult of war saying "Go ye" still with the Gospel to all lands.

There are open doors on every hand, sore needs which only Christ can supply. The line of workers may have wavered now and then—but a noble band of women and young people have stood firm and I bring you this record of our year's work for the Negro in America.

Receipts for Woman's Department from March 31st, 1917 to March 31st, 1918:

Women's Societies.....	\$84,508.14	Increase	\$3,821.71
Young People's Societies...	10,315.81	Decrease	559.93
Sabbath Schools.....	4,087.77	Decrease	163.87
Ind. and Misc.....	1,947.88	Decrease	3,890.20
Legacies.....	626.66	Increase	470.00
	\$101,486.26	Decrease	\$122.09

Women's societies show a fine gain, and have almost made up the loss in receipts from young people, Sunday schools, and legacies.

Our coming workers and givers are now in young people's and Sabbath school organizations. What does this falling away in gifts portend for the future? True, C. E. societies have been much depleted by young men going to war, but many do not get the vision of this work.

The total amount of offerings received by the Board was \$394,206.33 a decrease of \$23,206.80.

Colored people on fields under care of our Board gave over \$28,000 more than in any previous year.	
Church work.....	\$93,202.56
School work.....	116,952.38
Freedmen's Board.....	1,101.00
Other Boards.....	2,951.00
	\$214,206.94

We have received several Life Memberships during the year from individuals and societies.

A few have trusted us with their funds in form of annuities, recognizing a safe investment.

Never has there been a busier year for secretaries in visiting synodical and presbyterial societies, nor a finer spirit among the women. At synodical meetings the officers were fearful they could not carry their apportionments, but accepted them cheerfully, and at the spring presbyterial meetings in most instances they had gone "over the top." Athens Presbyterial, Ohio, reported contributions from every society in its presbytery, and deserves honorable mention.

We call attention to the April number of the HOME MISSION MONTHLY on the "Negro in America". The Prayer Calendar has pages full of information concerning the Freedmen as has Over Sea and Land. Our thanks are once more extended to Boards and editors.

Boxes for our ministers and our schools have not been forgotten and we have been greatly pleased that there were so many sent.

More calls for our literature have come than ever before. Extension secretaries have sent for it for their packages for "Shut-ins". A number of mission study classes have used "The American Negro" with our new "Outline for Leaders," finding the subject full of interest after "The African Trail."

At the beginning of the year, owing to conditions, it was decided to curtail on new buildings,

only two being erected during the year: The Mary A. Steele Memorial Building at John's Island, S. C., Rev. S. D. Thom, principal, and school building at Keeling, Tennessee, Rev. W. J. Nelson, principal. Repairs were also limited but many little things were necessary for comfort and safety. Mary Allen Seminary, in the wake of a storm, was minus a roof and the barn was over-turned. The boys' dormitory was burned at Cotton Plant, Arkansas, and at Boggs Academy there was a fire in laundry, kitchen, and dining-room and many things needful went up in smoke.

No additional teachers were granted this year, but many had more work than they could carry. One or two of our schools closed temporarily owing to scarcity of fuel. All schools were ordered to obey the laws of the states for conservation of fuel, food, and time.

Our evangelists have visited the schools and found much interest in religious services. Rev. J. W. Lee, our new secretary for northern churches, is investigating conditions among the changing population in the cities of the North.

Today on the blood-soaked fields of Belgium and France, fighting the battle of the Lord for freedom and humanity, our colored men and boys are following their leaders where duty or danger calls. Our schools have been much affected by this call of Uncle Sam. One hundred students out of two-hundred and forty-six at Biddle University volunteered. Let me call your attention to the service flag of our schools in the April HOME MISSION MONTHLY. Note how many have become officers and are now "somewhere in France." Eighty-three thousand Negroes have enrolled for service for their country and are proving good soldiers. Colored women, are busy helping in the homeland, gardening, canning, preserving, conserving food, aiding the Red Cross. In some of our schools, the sewing departments are doing Red Cross work. In one school girls do most of the pressing of the garments made by white women.

Negro ministers and Christian teachers are needed for the crisis in which we find ourselves in the changing conditions of Negro population but they are not ready to meet the opportunities offered. Mary Slessor in her wonderful book says, "God is never behind time." Let us be careful that we are not too slow in doing our part. There will be many and heavy demands upon us the coming days, but if we are to "Keep the Home Fires Burning" we must keep up our schools for the training of the Negro boy and girl so they will be able to do not only their "Bit" but their best in the "after the war days" when we shall need the help of every people to restore the waste places.

With all the calls that come in these days, let us increase our gifts to this work. Let us put aside indifference and prejudice which hinder us and enlist every woman's and young people's organization in this work the coming year. "We can do it if we will." The Negro must know Christ if he is to be a good citizen of America. He is making good—help him.

## Suggestive Program for August Meetings

**Hymn**—"Fight the Good Fight."

**Scripture**—Romans 15:1-8; I Corinthians, 12:12-28.

The unity of all Christians, young and old, weak and strong, as members of the body of Christ and of His church.

**Prayer**

**Business**—Including brief reports of the young people's societies in the local church, given by the leader of these societies, or by some of the members.

**Hymn**—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

**Three Short Prayers**—

1. *The Young People in Our Synodical and Presbyterian Societies.* A review of what was accomplished by them for Home Missions in 1917-1918.

References: The Young People and Home Missions—Annual report of the Secretary for Young People's Work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Also, consult your synodical and presbyterial young people's secretaries.

2. *What is My Presbyterian Society Doing to Encourage Loyalty to Missions among its Young People's Organizations?* Ways and means of using young people, and of promoting missionary enthusiasm among them.

References: "Raising Our Bit," "What are we doing to interest our College Girls in Presbyterian Work." Also, write to your presbyterial young people's secretary for information as to what your presbyterial society is doing to interest your people.

3. *How Can We Keep in Touch with the Young People in the Local Church?* How bring them

into the woman's society? How make our meetings interesting to them?

References: "Raising our Bit," "A Home Mission Preparedness Camp," "Missionary Mothers."

A short pageant, or a presentation by one of the young people's societies of your church of the Home Mission work done by that society.

References for pageant: "A Vision of the Home Land," "The Pioneers," "The Westminster Guild, Her Sisters, Her Cousins, and Her Aunts," a presentation of the Guild.

**Hymn**—"Lead On, O King Eternal."

Refreshments can be served by young people who have been invited to attend the meeting and the meeting may be held on the lawn and a picnic supper served, with the young people as guests of the woman's society.

ELINOR KENNEDY PURVES

### WAR SUBSTITUTES

Economy for Waste.

Cooperation for Criticism.

Knowledge of Prices for Gossip about Profits.

Cornmeal and Oatmeal for Wheat Flour.

Fish for Beef and Bacon.

Vegetable Oils for Animal Fats.

The Garden Hoe for the Golf Stick.

Performance for Argument.

Service for Sneers.

Patriotic Push for Peevish Puerilities.

Perishable for Preservable Foods.

Greater Production for a German Peace.

The Beef You Do Not Eat for the Rifle You

Cannot Carry.

Conservation for Conversation.

Common Sense for Common Gossip.

Marketing for Telephoning.

Production for Pessimism.

—Canadian Food Bulletin

## Receipts of Woman's Board, April, 1918

Current Work				Current Work				Current Work			
Less Emergency Immi- Freed-				Less Emergency Immi- Freed-				Less Emergency Immi- Freed-			
and Bldg. Fund grants men				and Bldg. Fund grants men				and Bldg. Fund grants men			
<b>Alabama</b>				<b>Minnesota</b>				<b>Texas</b>			
Huntsville.....	\$36.00			St. Cloud.....	\$100.00			Abilene.....	\$33.30		
<b>Atlantic</b>				<b>Missouri</b>				<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
Fairfield.....	18.75	\$35.00		St. Joseph.....	12.50			Erie.....	200.00	\$48.00	\$40.00
Hodge.....	5.50	.50		Salt River.....	130.00	\$11.00		Kittanning.....	101.50		50.00
Knox.....	2.00	2.00		Sedalia.....	16.00			Lehigh.....		200.00	
McClelland.....	8.00	7.50		<b>Montana</b>				Philadelphia.....	268.25		35.00
<b>Baltimore</b>				Butte.....	22.00	11.00		" North.....	1.00		
Washington City.....	887.00	37.00		Yellowstone.....	10.00			Pittsburgh.....	290.10		202.00
<b>California</b>				<b>Nebraska</b>				<b>Washington</b>			
Los Angeles.....	68.06			Niobrara.....		10.00		Alaska.....	42.00		
<b>Colorado</b>				<b>New Jersey</b>				Cent. W' hington.....	46.50		
Denver.....	1.35			Morris & Orange.....	342.50			Walla Walla.....	11.66		
<b>East Tennessee</b>				<b>New York</b>				<b>West German</b>			
La Verre.....		1.00		Albany.....		200.00		Galena.....	5.00		
<b>Illinois</b>				Brooklyn.....	215.00	\$60.00	88.00	<b>West Virginia</b>			
Chicago.....	50.00			Champlain.....	17.00		2.00	Wheeling.....	20.30		15.50
<b>Indiana</b>				Nassau.....	75.00			<b>Wisconsin</b>			
Indianapolis.....	4.00	\$125.00		New York.....	681.50	130.00		Winnebago.....	2.00		
<b>Iowa</b>				Rochester.....	100.00		342.40	Individuals.....	347.50		10.00
Sioux City.....	25.00			Syracuse.....	100.00		145.00	Receipts from the			
<b>Kansas</b>				Troy.....	170.00		17.00	Fields.....	2,815.39		
Neosho.....	47.65			Utica.....	183.00		13.00	Rents and Sales.....	130.90		
<b>Kentucky</b>				<b>North Dakota</b>				<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,823.56</b>	<b>\$613.00</b>	<b>\$1,394.00</b>
Princeton.....	25.00			Pembina.....	53.00	10.00		Extra Gifts, not a			
Transylvania.....	1.85			<b>Ohio</b>				part of Woman's			
<b>Michigan</b>				Cleveland.....	100.00			Board Budget.....	79.50		
Flint.....	29.00	10.00	8.50	Columbus.....	12.50			Literature Dept.....	610.25		
Kalamazoo.....	16.00	5.00	2.00	Huron.....	9.00						
Lake Superior.....	9.00	5.00	4.00	Lima.....							
Lansing.....		15.00		Wooster.....	10.00						
Monroe.....		10.00		<b>Tennessee</b>							
Saginaw.....		5.00		Columbia A.....	5.00						
				Union.....	10.00						

\$8,513.31

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